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New Hampshire

The following profile contains information on demographics, political figures, programs, crime, drug use, drug trafficking, and enforcement statistics.

Demographics¹

- Population: 1,201,134 (1999 estimate); 1,109,252 (1990 Census)
- Race/Ethnicity: 98.0% white; 0.6% African American; 0.2% American Indian, Eskimo, Aleut; 0.8% Asian/Pacific Islander; 0.3% other race; 1.0% Hispanic

Politics²

- Governor: Jeanne Shaheen
- Attorney General: Philip T. McLaughlin
- U.S. Senate: Robert Smith (R), Judd Gregg (R)
- U.S. House of Representatives (District): John E. Sununu (1); Charles F. Bass (2)
- Capitol: Concord

Programs/Initiatives

- High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)³
Designated in 1999, the New England HIDTA is responsible for numerous counties in 6 states, including Hillsborough County, New Hampshire. This HIDTA was designated in part because of the high purity heroin found throughout New England and the criminal groups trafficking heroin and crack from New York to New England. The primary mission of this HIDTA is to target, investigate and prosecute violent criminal offenders, especially those from New York, responsible for the distribution of high purity heroin, cocaine, and crack.
- Drug Court Program⁴
There is one drug court being planned in Concord, Merrimack County.
- New Hampshire Drug Task Force⁵
This Task Force, which began in 1986, is operated out of the New Hampshire Department of Justice and has 18 local law enforcement agencies participating in four regional teams. In addition to this, there are also drug case prosecutors who specialize and prosecute drug-related cases that arise out of this Task Force and other drug investigations/arrests.

Crime and Drug-Related Crime

- From July 1998 to June 1999, the New Hampshire Drug Task Force handled 768 cases and made 216 arrests. The majority of these cases fell within the Hillsboro County area, and the majority of the arrests were in the Rockingham County area.⁶
- This Task Force made the following drug purchases from January to June 1999: 203 grams of cocaine; 143 grams of crack; 92,510 grams of marijuana; 205 grams of hash; 16 grams of heroin; 10,019 hits of LSD; 385 grams of mushrooms; 216 doses of Ecstasy; and 2 grams of crystal meth.⁷
- There were 863 drug violations reported to the New Hampshire State Police in 1998. This is a 23.6% increase over the amount reported in 1997.⁸

Offenses Reported to NH State Police, 1997-98

Offense	1997	1998	% Change
Murder	17	14	-17.7
Rape	32	28	-12.5
Robbery	6	15	+150.0
Aggrav. Assault	45	47	+4.4
Burglary	270	220	-18.5
Theft	324	275	-15.1
Drug Violations	698	863	+23.6
Liquor Laws	265	369	+39.2
Intoxication	132	110	-16.7
Other Assaults	405	490	+21.0

- In 1998, the Narcotics Investigation Unit (NIU) of the New Hampshire State Police made 140 criminal arrests and conducted 326 criminal investigations.⁹
- In 1998, there were 366 juveniles arrested in New Hampshire for drug abuse violations.¹⁰

Number of Arrests, New Hampshire, 1998

Offense	Number of Arrests	
	Juveniles	Adults
Murder/Non-Neg. Manslaughter	--	1
Forcible Rape	12	46
Robbery	28	78
Aggravated Assault	30	159
Burglary	115	221
Larceny-theft	684	1,384
Other Assaults	602	2,894
Drug Abuse Violations	366	1,617
DUI	58	2,123
Liquor Laws	507	2,293

Trafficking and Seizures

- From July to December 1998, the New Hampshire Drug Task Force seized 878 grams of cocaine. From January to June of 1999, they seized 50 grams of cocaine.¹¹

Seizures Made by NH Drug Task Force, 1998-99

	July-December 1998	January-June 1999
Cocaine	878 grams	50 grams
Crack	166 grams	18 grams
Marijuana	46,560 grams	246,178 grams
Marijuana Plants	132	71
LSD	88 hits	20 hits
MDMA/Ecstasy	164 doses	40 doses
Crystal Meth	476 grams	224 grams

- In addition to this, this Task Force also seized 1,120 grams of Psilocybin and 195 miscellaneous pills from July to December 1998.¹²
- From January to June 1999, this Task Force seized 25 THC pills, 21 grams of heroin, 104 grams of hash, and 13,004 unknown pills.¹³
- During 1998, the NH State Police NIU seized 49,123.82 grams of marijuana.¹⁴

Seizures Made by NH NIU, 1998

Cocaine	Crack Cocaine	Marijuana	Marij. Plants	Weapons
10,210.05 gms	241.09 gms	49,123.82 gms	320	2

- In 1998, there were 3,427 marijuana plants eradicated under the DEA Domestic Cannabis Eradication/Suppression Program.¹⁵

Marijuana Plants Eradicated and Seized, New Hampshire, 1998

<u>Outdoor Oper.</u>		<u>Indoor Operations</u>			Total Plants Eradicated
Plots Eradicated	Cultivated Plants Eradicated	Grows Seized	Plants Eradicated	Ditchweed Eradicated	
42	2,097	23	1,111	219	3,427

Consequences of Use

- Heroin/morphine was mentioned in 36.8% of the drug abuse deaths reported by Medical Examiners (ME) in Nashua, New Hampshire during 1998. Cocaine was mentioned in 15.8%, marijuana/hashish was mentioned in 5.3%, and methadone was mentioned in 15.8%.¹⁶
- 73.7% of those people in Nashua whose deaths were caused by drugs were 35 years of age or older.¹⁷

Enforcement

- Narcotics Investigation Unit, New Hampshire State Police¹⁸
The primary responsibility of the Narcotics Investigation Unit (NIU) is to identify and apprehend individuals and groups that are involved in the illicit trafficking of controlled substances in violation of state and federal laws.
- As of October 31, 1998, the New Hampshire State Police employed 426 full-time law enforcement employees. 314 of these were sworn officers, and the remaining employees were civilians.¹⁹
- At this same time, the total number of full-time law enforcement employees in New Hampshire was 2,923.²⁰

Full-time Law Enforcement Employees, New Hampshire, 1998

<u>Officers</u>		<u>Civilians</u>		Total Employees
Male	Female	Male	Female	
2,083	122	215	503	2,923

- Northern New England HIDTA Task Force²¹
This State, Federal, and local task force targets drug distributors in Hillsborough County, New Hampshire.
- New Hampshire Drug Task Force (DTF)²²

Courts²³

- In 1998, 47.1% of the Federally sentenced offenders in New Hampshire had committed a drug offense. Of these offenses, the majority, 54.6%, involved crack cocaine.
- During this same period, 90.5% of those who had committed a trafficking offense were sentenced to prison.

Corrections

- New Hampshire Department of Corrections State Prison Facilities:²⁴
 - State Prison for Men (NHSPM): Located in Concord, this facility has a capacity of 1,082. On June 30, 1997, this prison was operating at 143% of its capacity with 1,542 prisoners.
 - State Prison for Women (NHSPW): Located in Goffstown. On June 30, 1997 there were 111 females housed at NHSPW. The dramatic rise in drug-related crime has affected the rise in female prisoners. Approximately 75% of the prison population at this facility participate in treatment programs.
 - Northern New Hampshire Correctional Facility: Located in Berlin. This is a newly constructed facility (the Grand Opening was held on March 24-26, 2000) that contains five buildings. There is currently space for 500 beds at this facility with the possible expansion for 500 more.
- As of June 30, 1999 there were 2,257 prisoners under the jurisdiction of State or Federal correctional authorities in New Hampshire. This is a 4.2% increase over the number of prisoners at the same time the previous year.²⁵
- From 1977 to 1996, the New Hampshire prison population grew 690%.²⁶
- During 1998, New Hampshire's adult probation population grew 6.1%. At the beginning of 1998, this population was 4,876, and at the end of the year, this population had risen to 5,175.²⁷
- During this same time, the adult parole population grew 5.4% with 1,141 adults on parole at the end of the year.²⁸

Treatment

- As of October 1, 1997 there were 54 treatment facilities in New Hampshire. These facilities served 2,507 clients.²⁹
- 38 of the 54 facilities at this time were private non-profit facilities.³⁰

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